# INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name:	Mt. Pleasant	Survey	Number: WA-II-227
Project: <u>Scenic Easement</u>	Acquisition	Agency:	FHWA/SHA
Site visit by MHT Staff:	no <u>X</u> yes Name	Robin Zeik	Date
Eligibility recommended	_X_ Eligibility	not recommended _	
Criteria: XA B	_CD Considerations:	ABc	_DEFGNone
Justification for decision	: (Use continuation	sheet if necessary	and attach map)
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Documentation on the proper	rty/district is presente	ed in: <u>Project file,</u>	Inventory Form
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Prepared by: SHA, Paula S	Stoner Dickey		
Elizabeth Hannold		June 30	, 1994
Reviewer, Office o	f Preservation Services		Date
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ABSTRACT WA-II-227 Mt. Pleasant, Hayland Sharpsburg Vicinity private

19th Century

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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-II-227 District 1 Map 80 Parcel 28 2203645304

# INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house with its related outbuildings is located south of Miller's Sawmill Road, about one mile south of Sharpsburg in Washington County, Maryland. The main dwelling on a large farm which was part of the Mt. Pleasant tract, controlled by the founding family of Sharpsburg, it faces north and thus is oriented toward the town.

The dwelling is a two story, five bay log structure sheathed with German siding and set on low fieldstone foundations.

Openings appear to be placed symmetrically in the front or north elevation. Pairs of windows at the first and second stories are grouped on either side of a central entrance. The windows have narrow frames and hold nine over six pane double hung sashes at the first story level and six over six light windows at the second story. The upper openings west of the entrance are slightly lower than the others at the second story. Most windows are flanked by pairs of louvered shutters.

The main entrance is framed similarly to the windows and is sheltered with a Victorian period hip roofed porch. The porch is supported by chamfered square posts and is trimmed with scroll cut brackets and a similarly worked balustrade.

The roof is sheathed with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls of the house. A course of molding finishes the eaves. A moderately large brick flue is located inside the west gable end and a smaller brick chimney extends from inside the east end wall.

The front entrance of the house opens into a stair hall with a second door in the south of rear wall. The west wall of the hallway is of log construction and supports the stair. West of the hall is a single large room with a fireplace centered in its end walls. In the northeast corner of this room a stair winds to the second floor. The portion of the house east of the hallway is divided into two rooms. The larger, a parlor is at the northeast corner of the house and contains a fireplace. The smaller room behind this is a modern kitchen. The second story floor plan is similar to that at the first floor level. Interior doors have six low relief panels while mantels and other woodwork are simple in design. In the attic, rafters west of the interior log wall are sawn while those of the eastern portion of the house are hewn. All are joined with wooden pegs. In the cellar of the west section is a fireplace with a segmentally arched opening.

Behind the house is a series of outbuildings. Among them is a frame kitchen with a large fireplace having a low arched top. Other outbuildings include a steep roofed frame smoke house and a small secondary dwelling said to have been servants quarters. A frame wagon shed or carriage barn is also present as are the ruins of a frame bank barn which burned in recent years.

In a sale bill for the farm dated September 20, 1838 and printed in the <u>Hagers - Town Torch</u> <u>Light and Public Advertiser</u> the buildings extant at that time are listed. (See attached research by Jeffrey A. Wyand).

The structures are in excellent condition and are located on a tract containing 192.02 acres.

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No construction date has been found for this house. According to the attached sale bill dated 1838, a log house, newly weatherboarded was on the farm at that time. Deed records seem to suggest that this farm was first considered as a separate unit within the Chapline holdings during the 1820's. This could have led to the building of a new large log house or the refurbishing of a smaller older tenant house. The interior and exterior woodwork of the house would appear to be of a type associated with the second quarter of the 19th century in Washington County. The inside log wall running through the house could have been an exterior wall for an earlier dwelling. Since it is not unusual to find original interior log walls in large structures, the presence of such a wall in this house does not yield any definite information. However, the slightly lower windows west of the entrance at the second story and the use of sawn rafters above this part of the house could suggest some sort of addition or alteration.

Of interest is the unusual north orientation of this house. Unlike most early dwellings which face south or southeast, this building set on a commanding location at the top of a hill fronts toward Sharpsburg. Documents and maps left by Joseph Chapline indicate that he had planned for the expansion of Sharpsburg toward the southwest and had even entertained hopes of its being made the national Gapitol. Evidence can still be seen of three passageways leading from Miller's Sawmill Road to Route 34 which were to have been streets.

The attached research by Jeffrey A. Wyand gives additional information on the history of this property.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Schildt, John W., <u>Drums Along the Antietam</u>. Parsons, W. Va: McClain Printing Co., 1972.

Wyand, Jeffrey A., Research into History of Mt. Pleasant and the Lyne Farm, March 1. Washington County Land Records.

Washington County Probate Records.

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### **10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 192.02 Acres.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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COUNTY

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION	DATE July 1976	
Washington County Historical Sites Survey STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE	
County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street	791-3065	
CITY OR TOWN	STATE	
Hagerstown	Maryland	21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust

The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

(301) 267-1438

654 Charante Ct.
Glen Burnie, Md. 21061
March 21, 1975

Dear Miss Lyne:

Nearly all of the sources of data have been exhausted, I've used up all the available time and there has been some success, so it is time to report before the deadline.

In tracing your house I researched both the Mt. Pleasant tract and the Antietam Furnace tract. The house is clearly on the Mt. Pleasant tract as shown on the enclosed copy of a drawing I prepared. (The drawing is approximate only.) Nevertheless, the transactions on the Antietam Furnace tract, with deed references are: trustees of John McP. Brien to Valentine Richard, 1851 (IN#7,11), Richard to Daniel (sic) Long, 1854 (IN#10, 54), David (sic) Long to Henry Mumma, 1866 (IN#19, 353), Mumma to John Mayer, 1873 (WMcKK#5, 783). I did not trace the Antietam Furnace tract further.

In tracing the Mt. Pleasant tract I had to spend some time sorting out the Chaplines and their heirs in order to understand the various deed and other items mentioned below. I have not traced the original patents as they would shed no light on the house. But your parcel was part of a hugh tract originally patented by Joseph Chapline Sr., the founder of Sharpsburg. He patented, or rather repatented the tract, adjusting the metes and bounds in the late 1760's. (I'm sure that me had prior patents on the same tract, but I do not have the citations.) The name assigned to the tract was Joss Lott and the patent issued in 1770. Joseph Chapline Sr. had died in 1769, so the tract was actually taken over by his heirs when the patent issued. Joseph Sr. had nine children, two of whom are important here: Joseph Jr. and Theodosia, who married Nathan Hays. Joseph Sr. died with a will (Washington County Wills D-388\*) and bequeathed the Joes Lott tract to Joseph Jr. The tract embraced the Chapline home near Snyder's Landing, the town of Sharpsburg, and your parcel. When Joseph Jr. had it resurveyed in 1790, and the patent issued in 1791, the tract was renamed Mt. Pleasant. It covered 2575 acres. That history is the source of the name, at least in legal references. The 1790 certificate of survey is extant at the Hall of Records, #629 for Washington County.

Although Joseph Jr. was married, he died childless in 1821. He left a will (C-177) in which, for practical purposes, everything, except for a life estate to the widow, went to his nephew, John Jones Hays, the som of Joseph Jr.'s sister, Theodosia. (Theodosia was already a widow.) Joseph Jr.'s widow contested the will, but lost. Doubtless hard feeling aroue in the family following the will contest. The court settled the dispute in early 1822, the widow died shortly after that, and all the interest of Joseph Jr. in Mt. Pleasant vested in John Jones Hays. J.J. Hays' enjoyment of the premises was shortlived, for he died in 1823, with a will (C-219). His disposition of Mt. Pleasant was somewhat complex, but the will seems to recognize your famm as a separate parcel of Mt. Pleasant for the first time.

<sup>\*</sup>References are to the will books in Annapolis. The same will books in Hagerstown contain the wills cited, but the page numbers will be slightly different.

In order to try and quiet the family dissatisfaction over the will contest, J. J. Hays put a life estate in your farm in his mother, Theodosia, and two of her maiden sisters. (The sisters died before Theodosia did and are of no interest for this exposition.) The remaindermen of the title to the farm were the deceased's children and his brother Joseph Chapline Hays. An actual division of the property was supposed to have been made by the deceased's executor, who apparently failed to make the dividion.

Finally about 1838, Joseph Chapline Hays went to court to have the partition made. As is normal in such cases, the court was unable to make an equitable partition and so the parties's title to the farm was decreed to be auctioned and proceeds divided among the parties. This was an important event for your farm was thus first recognized as an entity here and was to be sold off and severed from the Mt. Pleasant tract. That is, before this time there were no separate deeds for the farm because the title first was assumed by a patent, and was kept within the families by testamentary instruments, not by deeds. Thus there is no history of sales of the property prior to 1838 at various prices from which the erection of various improvements, like your house, could be inferred. Furthermore, none of the persons who held title up to 1838 were farmers, so it seems likely (and is proved below) that the farm was tenanted all that time and later.

The sale in 1838 was a public one and had to be advertised. Luckily one newspaper of the era exists and I found it only at the Pratt Library in Baltimore. On page 3, of the September 20 (and 27), 1838 edition of the Hagers-Town Torch Light and Public Advertiser appears

Trustee's Sale - By virtue of a decree of Washington County Court as a Court of Equity, the subscribers will offer at public sale on Friday the 28th day of Sep tember inst., at the house of John M. Knode in Sharpsburg, at 11 0'clock in the foremoon, the following described valuable farm, lying within one mile south of Sharpsburg, adjoin ing the lands of Philip Grove and others, and containing 227 ACRES, more or less. The land is limestone of the best quality; and a bout 27 acres are in timber.

The improvements are a comfortable LOG HOUSE, lately weatherboarded - a Stone Swisser
Barn, wagonshed and other build ings. An orchard of thriving young fruit trees and a well of good limestone water.

This property is within half a mile of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, and several good mills in the immediate vicinity.

The property will be sold subject to a life estate of Mr. (sic) Theodotia Hays in the same.

The terms are one fourth of the purchase to be paid in hand and the residue in three equal annual paymt's with interest from the day of sale. The purchaser giving bonds with approved security. And after all the purchase money is paid, a good and sufficient deed will be made to the purchaser by

WM PRICE trustees

N.B. At the same time and place will be sold the quit rents of the town of Sharpsburg. These rents are in perpetuity, and yield an annual revenue to the proprietors of \$200 and upwards. Full explanations will be made on the day of sale.

(The "notch" in the second paragraph of the advertisement contains a "cut" of a house, but the same cut appears elsewhere on the page. I conclude it is but a standard cut the printer had on hand, and does not necessarily resemble your house.) Note that, unfortunately, the number of rooms in the house is not specified, so it is impossible to tell if the two houses you believe to have been joined were both present in 1838. Note also that the house had just been covered with weatherboarding.

The trustees were two lawyers appointed for the sale by the court. The sale was recorded in 1841, apparently after the final, just as outlined in the advertisement. (Joseph Chapline Hays died that year; but Theodosia lived until 1844.) Joseph Chapline Hays was the buyer (WW, 654).

The sale proceedings were observed and recorded by John Blackford. This record was preserved in <u>Ferry Hill Plantation Journal</u>, Fletcher M. Green, ed., University of North Carolina Press, 1961. The entry for Friday the 28th of September 1838 (p. 92) is

...I rode to Sharpsburgh where I met Wm. Price Esq. ... Mr. Price & Wisel was attending to the sale of the farm on which Mrs. Hedrick lives. Doct. Joseph Hays became the purchaser at \$40.25 pr. acre subject to his mothers life in it. The quit rents of Sharpsg. was likewise sold and purchased by Joseph Hays at \$3000 ...

Note that the tenant at that time was a Mrs. Hedrick. We don't know who the other tenants were over the years, but this lone one has not been preserved. All of Blackford's notes are quite accurate when compared to the other available documents.

Joseph Chapline Hays was rather young when he died in 1841. In his will (D-435), Joseph C. Hays specially noted that his mother, for her life, was to have the proceeds of "the farm near Sharpsburg" which he had purchased in 1838. Theodosia died in 1844. But it was not until 1860 that Joseph C. Hays's wife and executor sold your farm. They were rather careful about the sale and according to the Orphan's Court Proceedings records for 1859, they had the tract "surveyed by Downin and plat and description of same was reported by Executors to the Orphans Court and are there recorded." Unfortunately, this plat and description have not been olcated. If they still exist at all, they may be buried in the Orphan's Court Office in Hagerstown. They are inaccessible to everyone while in that location. The sale was to Henry V. S. Blackford (relation to John of the journal above unknown) for \$11000 and was recorded in 1860 (IN#14, 655). It is not clear whether this sale was at public auction or not, but it appears that it was not. The sole

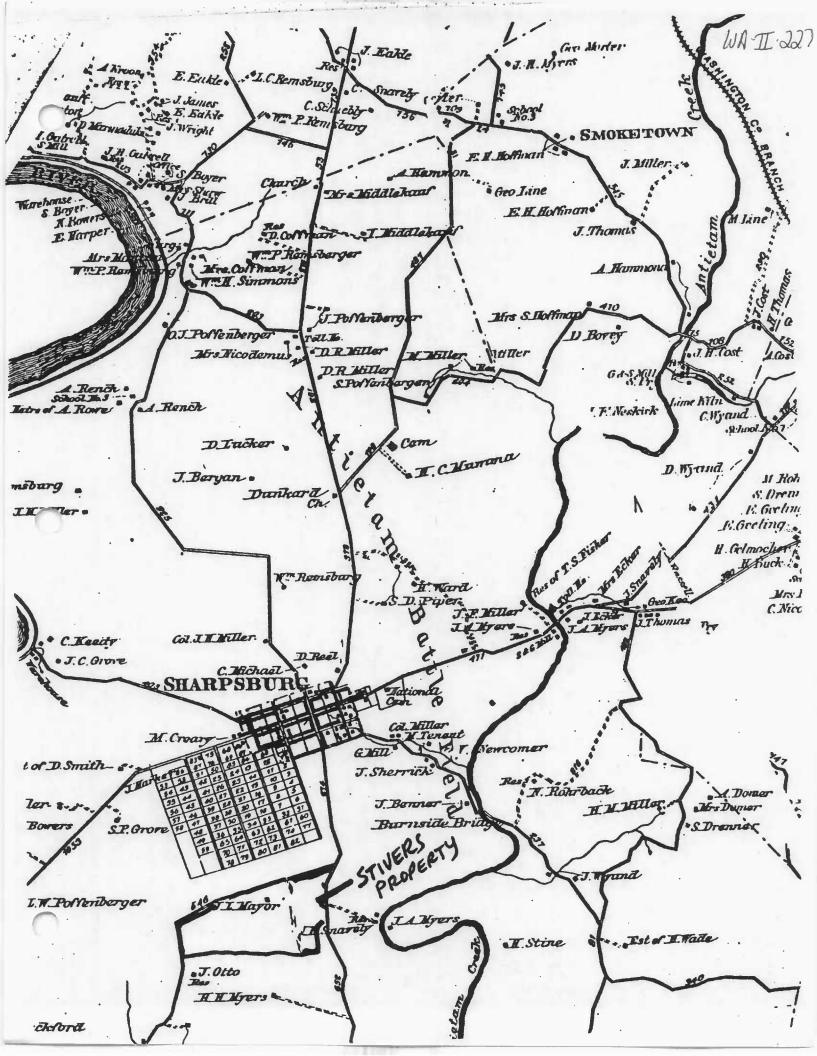
extant newspaper for the era is the Torch Light which is only available at the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore. I could not find any sale ads in it that fit your farm for the time of the sale and thus found no further description of your house.

You know the deeds after this, Blackford's widow to John Mayer, 1870 (WMcKK#3, 69), etc. I did not recheck them:

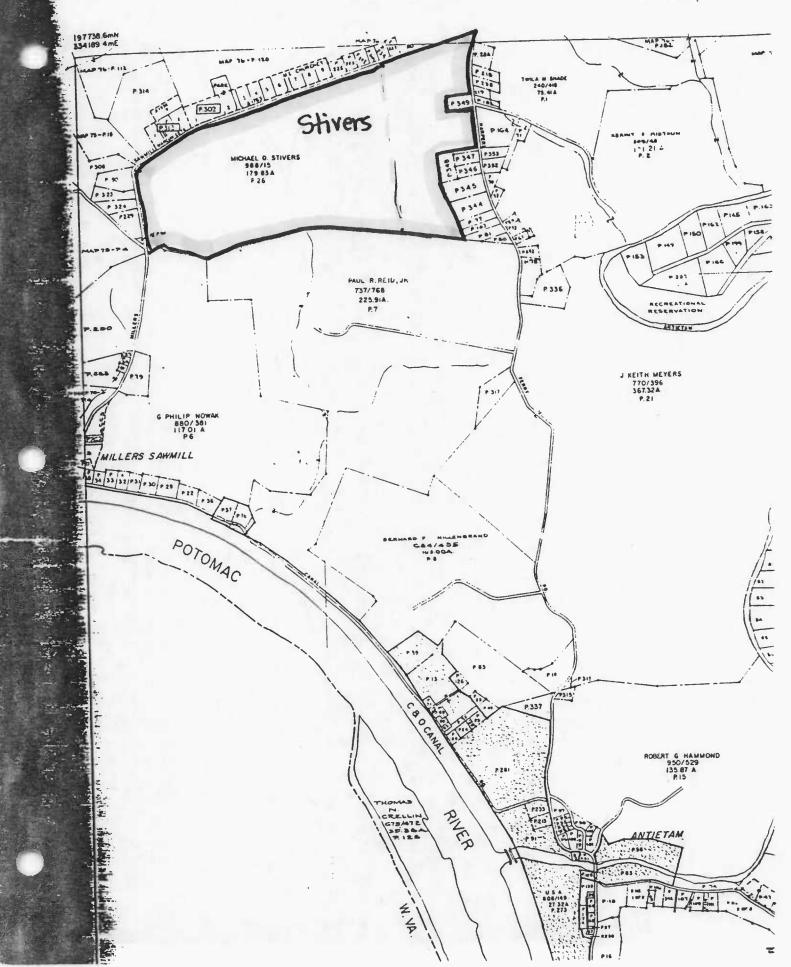
After all this, I am rather pleased to have found the 1838 description and corroboration, even a limited as they were. I am disappointed that no other leads have been uncovered. None of the early tax records that I know of would shed more light on the date of construction of your house since it would be lumped into the real estate holdings of the Chaplines and Hayses. Still, these results are better tien I predicted in my initial response to you. I do not know how to proceed from here and do not recommend further research, at least not from the angle that I am accustomed to following. I trust my digression into the Chaplines and Hayses was not contrary to your desires since it was necessary to understand the deeds. I have used up all your payment through research at the Hall of Records in Annapolis, the Enoch Pratt Library and Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore. Your comments are welcome and I hope that you find my work equal to your investment.

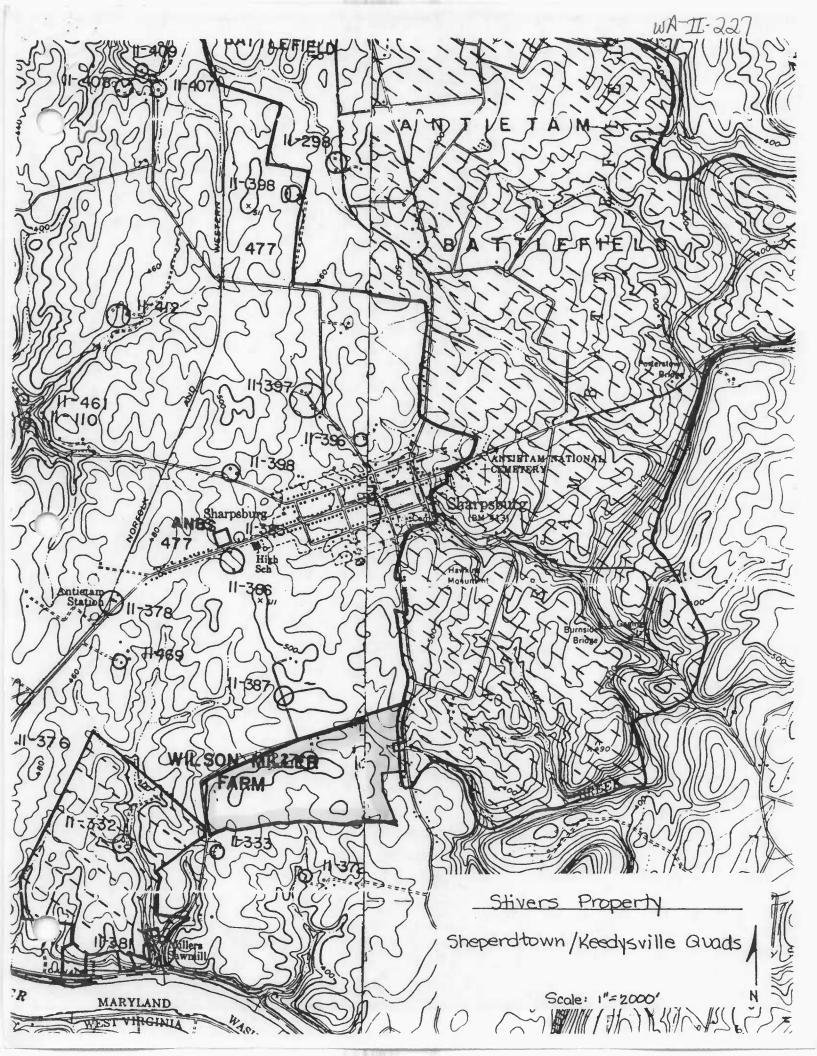
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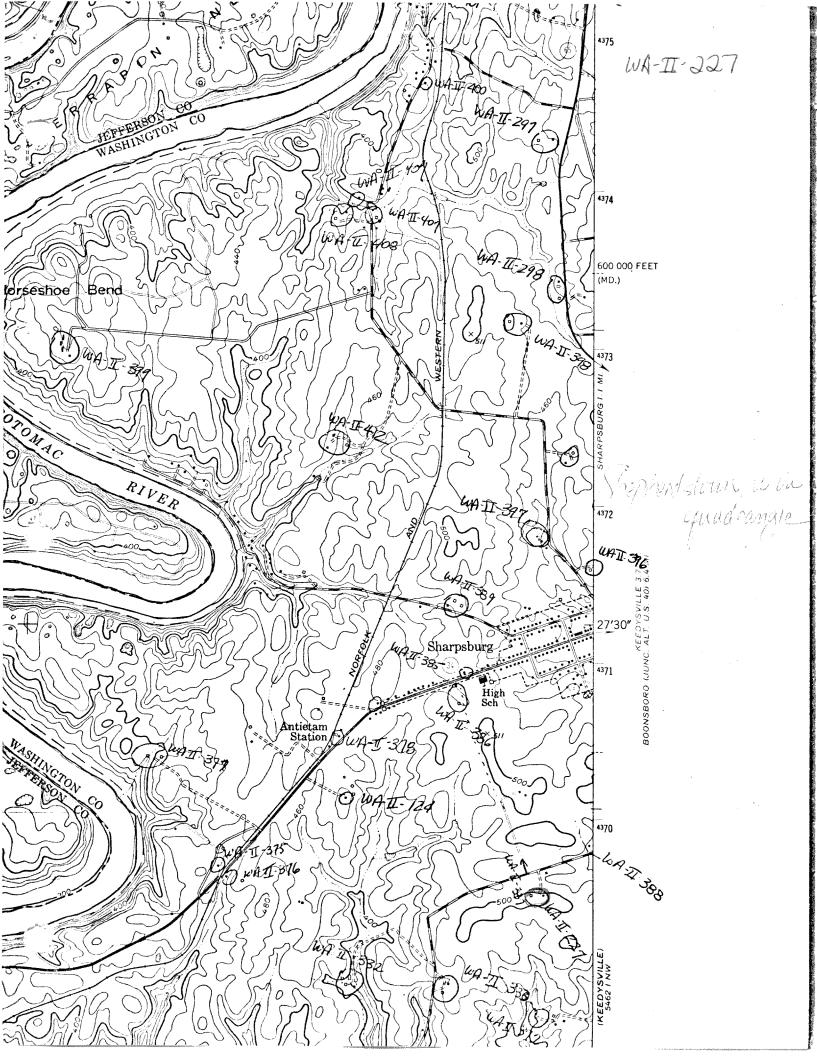
Jeffrey A. Wyand













Michael Stivers Property
Photographs, Page 1

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Micheal Stivers Property
Farmstead looking south
from Miller's Sawmill Road



Stivers House North (Entrance) Facade



Stivers House \_N.E. Corner



Michael Stivers Property S.E. Corner WAII 227



Domestic Outbuildings South of Main Dwelling Looking East



Outbuilding N.E. Corner



Michael Stivers Property
Photographs, Page 3

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Michael Stivers Property Summer Kitchen N.W. Corner



Slave Quarter N.W. Corner



Frame Barn N.W. Corner



Michael Stivers Property
Metal Building

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Concrete Block Building



Tenant House N.E. Corner



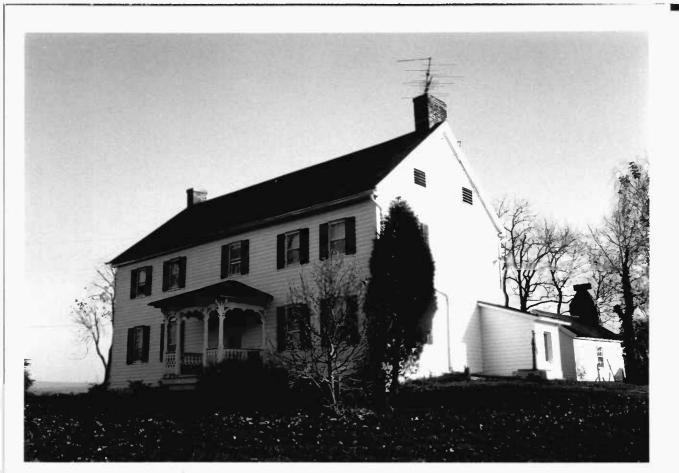
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Michael Stivers Property Tenant House S.W. Corner



Tenant House South Elevation



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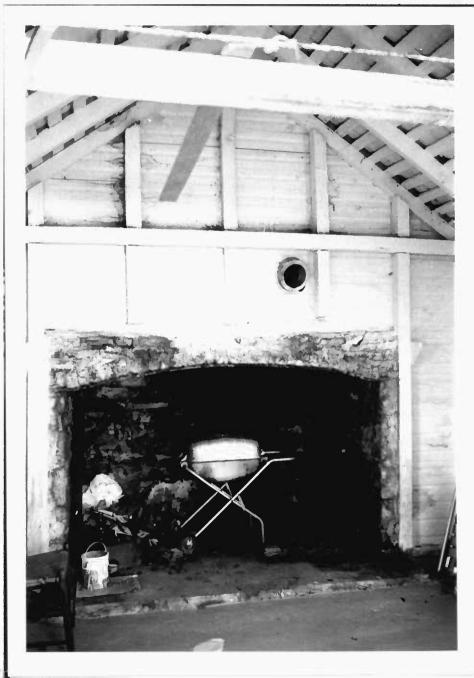


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